

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Figs. 3a to 3e shows a~~ Fig. 3a shows a further alternative  
~~embodiments embodiment of a supporting devices device~~  
similar to Figures 1 and 2,

Please add the following new paragraphs after the paragraph ending on line 26 of page 7:

Fig. 3b shows a further alternative embodiment of a supporting device similar to Figures 1 and 2,

Fig. 3c shows a further alternative embodiment of a supporting device similar to Figures 1 and 2,

Fig. 3d shows a further alternative embodiment of a supporting device similar to Figures 1 and 2,

Fig. 3e shows a further alternative embodiment of a supporting device similar to Figures 1 and 2,

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the embodiment according to Fig. 4, the support unit according to Fig. 1 is provided with support legs 6 standing on a base. These are designed as rectilinear square profiles in the embodiment according to Fig. 4. In the embodiment according to Fig. 5, rigid support legs 7 of curved form with broad floor rests are provided. The support unit 1 according to Fig. 5 corresponds to the support unit according to Fig. 4.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the embodiment according to Fig. 12, the head support section 5a5h, including the central support surface 4a4h serving as spacer part and located at the level of the recesses 3h, is designed so as to be detachable from the back support section 2h. An add-on nit is thus formed. For this purpose, connection elements in the form of plug connections 21 are used which, in the direction of the arrow, allow the head support section 5h to be pushed in in the area of the corresponding end face of the back support section 2h serving as surface part.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the embodiment according to Fig. 19, the coverplug elements 29a have plug edges which interact with corresponding plug grooves on the support unit 1 in the area of the recesses and thus permit horizontal plugging in or pulling out.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the embodiment according to Figures 24 and 25, a mobile item of furniture is provided, in the present instance in the form of an office chair 33 on a pedestal 35, having a backrest which serves as support unit 1. The backrest can be lowered into a horizontal supporting position according to Fig. 25. The hinge arrangement 36 serves for this purpose. To permit secure holding of the support unit 1 in the supporting position, support legs 34 are provided which, in the present embodiment are mounted so that they can be folded into and out of the backrest. It is also possible to provide separate

support elements for holding the support unit 1 in its supporting position.